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From: Johnson, Thomas A
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2005 2:07 PM
To: Luther, Caroline N
Cc: IO-SHA users
Subject: Need New Folder

Caroline--
As an action officer on disappearances with abundant computer skills, can you please create a new folder on the Y drive for "Disappearances Negotiations" and put this e-mail and the attached documents into it? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----
From: Brancato, Gilda M
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2005 6:30 PM
To: Brancato, Gilda M; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Brooks, Waldo W; Barton, Paula J; Peay, Michael T; Manning, Denise; Johnson, Thomas A; Camponovo, Christopher N (DRL); Sicade, Lynn M (DRL); Levin, Jan; DePirro, Velia M
Cc: Legal-L-HRR
Subject: RE: final week of forced disappearances negotiations

Dear Jeff - As you, Paula and I discussed this last week and this morning, I attach four documents for use by the USG delegation this final week of negotiations. The documents are all variations on a theme, that is, core reservations of the United States to 10 key articles or sub-articles in the proposed final treaty text. If we come to agreement with GRULAC on right to truth/freedom of information text for the preamble and article 24(2), the first item can be removed.

One document, intended as internal USG guidance only, contains a recitation of proposed USG text for each of the ten provisions as well as talking points highlighting the reasons for our position.

The second document recites the proposed USG text for the ten provisions (without talkers), and the third document lists the ten provisions by subject and article number (without proposed USG text). As you and I discussed, either or both of these documents should be included in the formal Chair's Report of this final negotiating session ("travaux") to record officially the principal USG objections to the proposed treaty text.

The final document contains proposed guidelines or talkers for our closing statement at the end of the negotiations.

Best of luck to you this week!! You will do a fantastic job of coverage, I am certain. I can be contacted by cell phone as needed, although I will be unreachable during transit to Australia or if otherwise out of cell phone range, which I fear will be much of this week.

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Best regards, Gilda

From: Brancato, Gilda M
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2005 3:58 AM
To: Brancato, Gilda M; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Brooks, Waldo W; Barton, Paula J; Peay, Michael T; Manning, Denise; Johnson, Thomas A; Camponovo, Christopher N (DRL); Sicade, Lynn M (DRL); Levin, Jan; DePirro, Velia M; Noyes, Julieta V (DRL); Harris, Robert K; Dorosin, Joshua L; Lucas, William E
Cc: Witten, Samuel M
Subject: RE: first two days of forced disappearances negotiations

In what will undoubtedly be the last negotiating session, we are addressing four open issues this week and will do a final read of the text and adoption of the final report next week. The Working Group has agreed on text for two of the four open issues: a state action formula (that reflects the international law position of the United States) and withdrawal of a treaty territory clause proposed by the Chinese. There is still much debate on the required disclosure of information by STates/ right to know, and on the treaty monitoring body. These two issues will easily take up the remainder of this week. We called a meeting Monday night to urge friendly states to actively support use of an existing treaty monitoring body, and the proposal is gaining traction in the plenary discussions. However, the Chair and GRULAC are vehemently opposed, and the current head count is evenly balanced between support for a new vice existing treaty body. Will report further after discussions develop this week.

Sincerely, Gilda

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-----Original Message-----

From: Brancato, Gilda M
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To: Brancato, Gilda M; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Brooks, Waldo W; Barton, Paula J; Peay, Michael T; Manning, Denise; Johnson, Thomas A; Camponovo, Christopher N (DRL); Sicade, Lynn M (DRL); Levin, Jan; DePirro, Velia M; Noyes, Julieta V (DRL); Harris, Robert K; Dorosin, Joshua L; Lucas, William E
Cc: Witten, Samuel M
Subject: RE: USG changes to forced disappearances text

Please replace the earlier red-lined text circulated Wednesday night with the revised version attached, which reflects additional comments received as well as my discussion with IO/SHA Tom Johnson on acceptable and unacceptable provisions in Article 26 on the treaty monitoring body. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.
Best regards, Gilda << File: LEGAL-#15026-v1-Core_USG_changes_disappearances_text.DOC >>

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